

Newark Biography C

Mrs. Gladys E. Churchman

Dedication

Sunday, February 8, 1976

3:00 O'clock



Portrait by Nettie Thomas

Weequahic High School Library

Newark, New Jersey

Virginia Scott, Chairperson

James Barrett, Principal

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WELCOME	MRS. VIRGINIA SCOTT
PRAYER	
MASTER OF CEREMONIES	DR. E. WYMAN GARRETT
SOLO - Lift Every Voice & Sing...	
	REV. RAYMOND ANDREWS
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH	MS. SHIRLEY THOMAS
AN EDUCATOR	MRS. GLADYS FRANCIS
SOLO	ROBERT MAGWOOD
KEYNOTE SPEAKER	HAROLD MOORE PRINCIPAL, BRUCE ST. SCHOOL
RESPONSE	JAMES BARRETT PRINCIPAL, WEEQUAHIC H.S.
REMARKS	JAMES E. CHURCHMAN JR.
PRESENTATION	JAMES E. CHURCHMAN III
ACCEPTANCE	STEPHANIE COLEMAN
REMARKS:	
	MR. STANLEY TAYLOR - EXEC. SUPT. OF SCHOOLS
	DR. ANNETTE G. KEARNEY - EXEC. ASST. SUPT.

BIOGRAPHY

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REFERENCE

Gladys E. Churchman was born in Ansonia, Connecticut, on October 28, 1902 to Joseph and Clara St. John. She moved to Newark in 1910. In Newark, she attended Central High School and Newark State Normal School. (Later Newark State Teachers College).

In 1931, she began as a volunteer worker with the Friendly Neighborhood House in Newark. She worked in a volunteer capacity for 5 years, and then became a staff member. She served as Executive Director of the faculty from 1945 until her retirement in 1967.

Mrs. Churchman was very active in the civic and social aspects of Newark, and of the state of New Jersey. She was a member of Order of Eastern Star Trinity Chapter #14 (P.H.A.) and a Past Worthy Matron of the Eastern Star. She was a member of the Newark Board of Education and Chairman of the Instruction Committee. She was a member of the Girl Scouts Advisory Council, the Boy Scouts of America Robert Treat Council and founder of Troop #32 of the Friendly Neighborhood House. She was a member of the Girl Scouts Essex Council, Lambda Kappa Mu Sorority, former Board Chairman of the City Hospital School of Nursing, Central Ward Juvenile Conference Committee, Zonta International of Greater Newark, Guyton-Callahan Post #152 American Legion Auxillary.

Mrs. Churchman had always been active in the Episcopal Church. She was a member of St. Philips Episcopal Church, and later of Trinity Cathedral, Newark when the two churches merged. At Trinity Cathedral, she was a member of the Thursday Day Group, member of the Newark Episcopal Diocese, member of the Executive Committee of Trinity Cathedral, and of the Lay Readers Association.

Gladys Churchman departed this life on January 13, 1974. She is survived by a son, James E. Churchman Jr., and 2 grandchildren, James E. Churchman, III, and Edith Churchman, and a brother Joseph St. John of Detroit. Since her death, she has had a beautification project at Montgomery Street School dedicated to her, as well as a black newspaper collection on microfilm at Weequahic High School. Through the memorial fund of Trinity Cathedral it was possible to erect a stained glass window in the St. Philips Chapel of the Cathedral to her memory.